

Remarks

The claims have been amended to recast them in a form more in accordance with customary U.S. claim drafting practice. None of the amendments are being made to narrow the scope of the claims, which are submitted as being patentable over the references applied by the Examiner to reject the claims as originally filed.

According to the Examiner, claim 1 is anticipated by Wilks, Jr. U.S. Patent No. 5,125,742 (herein Wilks). Wilks has been carefully reviewed and nowhere is there found any disclosure of a sample cell wherein a plane glass window is inserted into the orifice of a glass body, the orifice being limited by a rim to which a rim of the window is fused, and the rim of the glass body being wider than the thickness of the window. As discussed in the application, a rim as set forth in claim 1 contributes to hold the glass window in the glass body when subjected to high gas pressures during use.

As should be evident from examining Figs. 2 and 3 of Wilks and the corresponding description, there is no disclosure or even any suggestion of a rim as set forth in claim 1. Moreover, the other references applied by the Examiner do not overcome this fundamental deficiency of Wilks as a teaching reference vis-a-vis the subject matter of claim 1.

For at least the same or similar reasons, the rejection of the other claims should be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, request is made for timely issuance of a notice of allowance.

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